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C O N F I D E N T I A L LIMA 5920

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SUBJ: AP BUREAU CHIEF EXPULSION

REF: LIMA 5914

1. INTERIOR MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENT LATE JULY 22 ON THE EXPULSION OF AP BUREAU CHIEF EDITH M. LEDERER IS AS FOLLOWS:  
QUT ON THIS DATE IT HAS BEEN DECIDED TO EXPEL FROM THE COUNTRY EDITH M. LEDERER OF NORTH AMERICAN NATIONALITY OF THE PRESS AGENCY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FOR SENDING TO THE EXTERIOR INFORMATION LACKING IN VERACITY IN RESPECT TO (JULY 20) FAP DEMONSTRATION WITH DELIBERATE INTENT TO EXACERBATE THE FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN PERU AND CHILE. END QTE.

2. COMMENT: ARTICLE AS FILED HERE WAS STRONG ONE. LEDERER WAS AWARE OF EXTREME GOP SENSITIVITY ON ISSUE OF CHILE/PERU TENSIONS BUT DECIDED TO PUBLISH ARTICLE ON BASIS PERSONAL OBSERVATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS. SHE WAS SCHEDULED TO DEPART PERU WITHIN TWO WEEKS FOR A NEW JOB AS SAN JUAN AP BUREAU CHIEF AND HAD DECIDED TO WRITE SERIES OF CRITICAL ARTICLES ABOUT PERUVIAN MILITARY GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING ONE ON VELASCO AS AN "INVISIBLE PRESIDENT". LEDERER HAD BEEN QUESTIONED BY PERUVIAN INVESTIGATIVE POLICE ABOUT THREE WEEKS AGO IN RELATION TO A STORY SHE FILED ON WORSENING PERUVIAN PETROLEUM OUTLOOK.

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3. AS FAR AS EMBASSY AWARE, LEDERER EXPELLED IN PERSONAL CAPACITY. AP OFFICE HERE SO FAR REMAINS OPEN, AND GOP COMMUNIQUE CONTAINS NO INDICATION THAT IT WILL BE CLOSED. IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT WHEN REUTERS CORRESPONDENTS WERE EXPELLED FOLLOWING FEBRUARY 5 RIOTS, REUTERS OFFICE WAS CLOSED AND ITS ACTIVITIES IN PERU WERE TERMINATED.

4. AMBASSADOR HAS ASKED FOR APPOINTMENT AT FOREIGN MINISTRY TO EXPRESS CONCERN WITH WHAT APPEARS TO BE ARBITRARY EXPULSION.  
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